BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING CITY BUILDING ZONING FEES FOR THE BEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH RELATED TO THE \$20 MILLION RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF SAID FACILITY.

WHEREAS, the Ben Hill United Methodist Church has been located at 2099 Fairburn for the past thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the congregation size of the church has more than tripled since the original occupation of the church; and

WHEREAS, the church through its outreach ministries provides many valuable services to its immediate and adjacent neighborhoods within Council District 11; and

WHEREAS, the church has continued to grow in membership each year; and

WHEREAS, the church is now ready to begin \$20 million for construction to expand and renovate the existing facility; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to exempt the church from zoning fees and reimburse any zoning fees that the church may have spent for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

That the Atlanta City Council approve exemption of zoning fees related to the renovation and new construction of the Ben Hill United Methodist Church located at 2099 Fairburn Road, S.W. and that the church be refunded any zoning fees paid to the City for the same upon adoption of this Resolution by the City Council.